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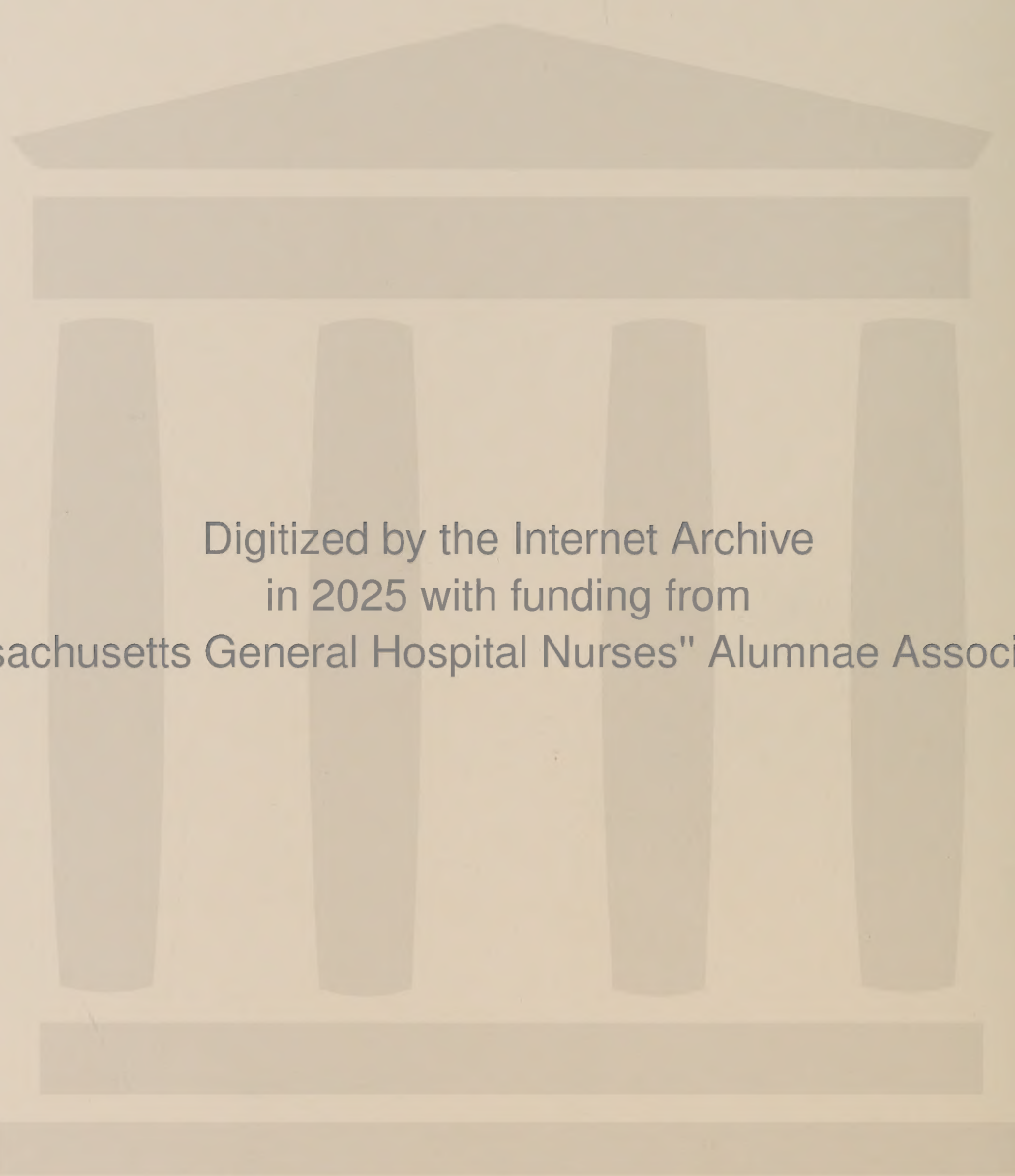
1D3 Linda Richards 1874-1877

1D3-12a Correspondence Letters of Linda Richards to Sara Parsons

1 to Sara Parsons

19 items dated

12/2/1909 - 10/27/1923



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34 Benedict St.
Providence R.I.

Dec 2-09

My dear Miss Barnard

My mind is in accord
with yours with regard to
the method of giving instruction
and I know in mental
work. The day will come
when Special Hospitals will
become established with
General Hospitals & the
benefit of each. But such

is we - the case Feb. - April
hospitals do open their doors
for postgraduate work in some
instances. I think six months
should be the minimum time
required of a nurse and I
think she should spend two
months with the acute cases -
two months with the sick cases -
one month in the convalescent -
ward and one month with
the indigent cases (chronic) more
time would be better. But -
one would be worth any

letter. I think when nurse hospitals
take nurses from general hospitals
a better condition for their own nurses
will be one of the benefits which will
follow. You may propose yourself to act
as chairman of my committee. Please
come and if I do not improve I
shall not attend the Convention.
You would do the work better
than I could in any case -

Very sincerely yours
Linda Richards

TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL.
MASSACHUSETTS
DR. ARTHUR V. GOSS, SUPT.

TAUNTON, Feb 10 1911

My dear Miss Parsons

Thanks for my much for your kind letter of encouragement. This branch of the work surely is hard and trying. But - much needed and I feel that women like you are in sympathy with the workers is a great help. I will be glad to write a letter proper on the early conditions of the training school at the M. G. H. for you. I will transmit it to you and will finish it as soon as I can and send it -

Handwritten text in vertical columns, likely a manuscript or ledger. The text is written in a cursive script, possibly Chinese or Japanese, and is arranged in approximately 10 columns. The paper is aged and discolored, with some visible wear and tear at the top left corner.

TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL.
MASSACHUSETTS

DR. ARTHUR V. GOSS, SUPT.

TAUNTON, 19

I am very glad you have changed I that I shall
sandy wish that my parents I benevolence were such that
I could visit you and be with my own eyes all the
wonderful things you have with which I intended - you
nurses - you have a great work in charge. But you
are equal to it and will make it much more important.
Thank it - has been before then. I am so glad that I was allowed
to put one on two little stories in the foundation.
Very sincerely yours
Richa Richards

LAURENCE

Handwritten notes in cursive script, likely a medical or legal record, covering the majority of the page. The text is written in dark ink on aged, slightly discolored paper. The handwriting is fluid and characteristic of the late 19th or early 20th century. The notes are organized into several vertical columns, with some lines crossing between them. The content appears to be a detailed account of a case or a series of observations.

1677 Middlesex Street

Lowell Mass

December 2^d 14

My dear Miss Parsons

So the enclosed slips just
like the others which I recd.?
I am not sure and I wish to
have them all just alike - You
surely are prompt in payment -
It is said that "a good paymaster
pays when the work is finished".
I shall write them soon, commen-
cing as soon as I know if
there are any changes to be
made in the slips. It was to
me a great pleasure to be
able to be present at the
Lowell meeting - and this makes

from that day one of the nurses
of my order Alumnus came for
me, in an automobile - and
took me to Boston to attend a
meeting - and after the meeting
we had an informal reception
after which the same nurse
brought me home in an
automobile. I enjoyed it
all very much indeed, I can
assure you - now I think I
have settled down for this
winter - Thank you for giving
the books to your nurse and
for wishing me to write slips
for them.

Yours very sincerely
Linda Richards

1677 Middlesex St^o

Lowell Mass

June 30th 14

Miss Sara Parsons
Mass. Genl. Hospital
Boston Mass

Dear Miss Parsons

Your letter came to me
this morning. I do not think
your request cheap - I am
very glad indeed to be of
some use in these days
when I can no longer do
actual service - and I
think your offer generous -
I will be glad to write the
slips - and will set about
cutting them and writing

P.P.S. I enclose a slip with a little note on the
back. and will mail - it for you before
sending the slips - may be you have a certain
size of slip you wish mailed upon -
L. H.

them at once - I may be a
little slow in getting them
done as just now I am
having a little trouble with
my left-eye. It will be
well in a few days I am
sure. Thanking you for your
wishing for the ship and
for considering the books
of enough value to give to
your graduates. and wishing
you health, happiness and
success believe me,

Very sincerely yours

Linda Richards

P. S. Please excuse the blot
at the reading of this letter
L. R.

1677 Middlebury. Vt.
Lowell, Mass
Nov. 29-12.

Miss Sara E. Parsons

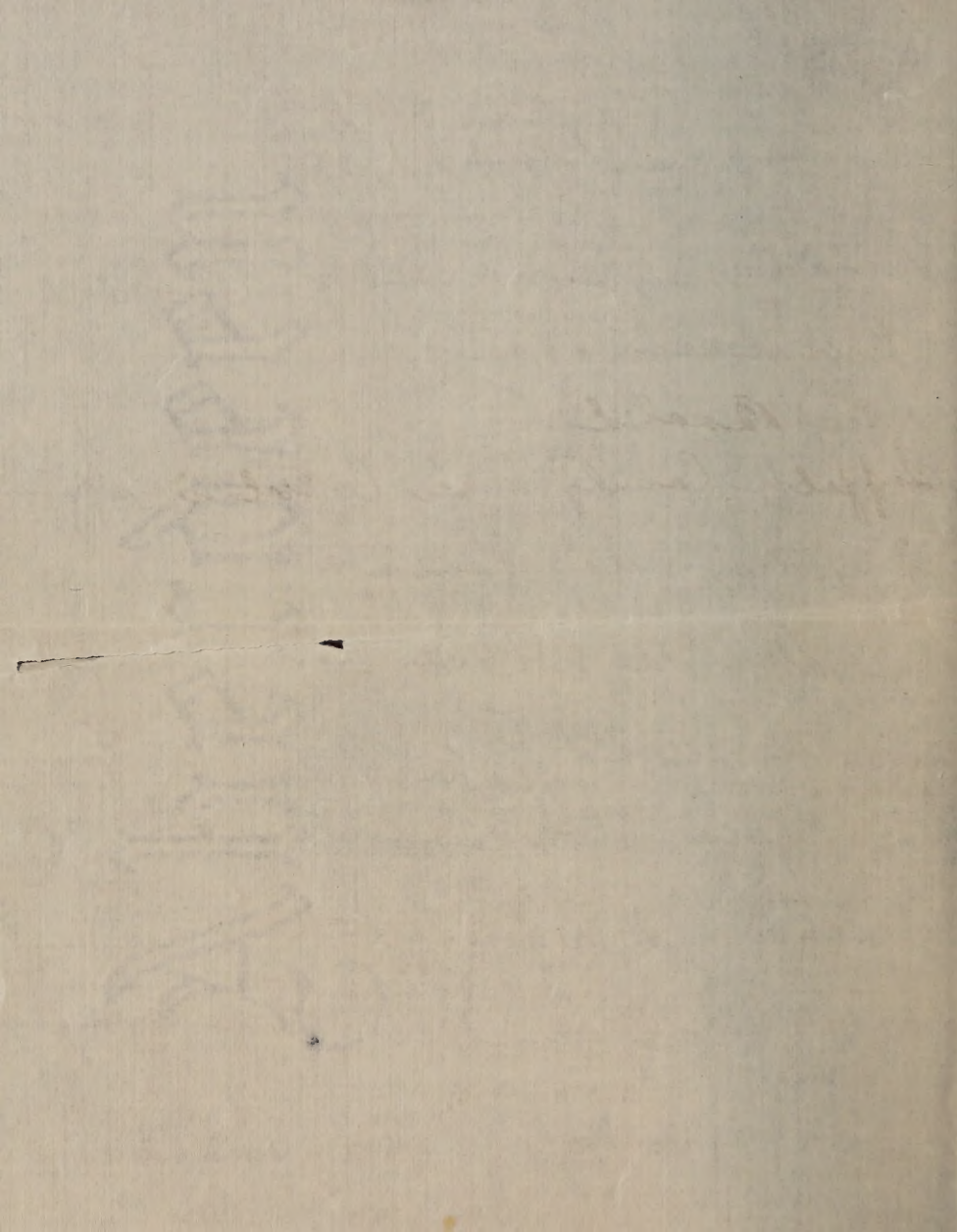
President -

Ex Board

Jefferson County Nurses Central Directory

My dear Miss Parsons

It will not be possible for
me to attend the meeting of
the Executive Board of the
Central Directory which is
to be held on December 3rd
I am very sorry that I am



not able to attend:

Very Sincerely Yours
Linda Richards

~~111~~
~~28~~
~~383~~

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Lowell Dec 9th 14

My dear Miss Parsons

England phone finds the
rooms - I have enjoyed writing
the little message to each one.
I have had the feeling that I
looked into their faces and
took each one by the hand -
How I hope they will all
be strong women for our
profession -

Very sincerely yours
Linda Richards

Thursday A. M.

Dear Miss Parsons

Your letter of the 8th
of June^{last} - read. I had an very
pleasing picture of a long
joke - of some steps at
the Anniversary - I would be
so glad I be with you -
But - stairs without railing
are impossible for me.
So I have I hear the
steps painted. It would

not be too much for me to
go to your Sunday forenoon
to return ⁱⁿ the afternoon of
the same day - I would
be very glad indeed to
meet you and the old
graduates and to be present
for the pictures representing
the Training School - I am
not in the least public
you know - only very trivially
dancer very sincerely yours
Linda Richards

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I have
written
to
you
in
the
margin

1677 Middlebury Ct

Donnell, Mrs

Nov-3^d 15-

My dear S. Parsons
Mrs. Donnell, Westfield's

Best love

My dear Miss Parsons

Thank you for the note
you have given me & do - you
shall have the design early
next week - Will you kindly
send me Miss Parsons's first
name? the second letter in
the name is W and I

can not make it out. I am
sorry to trouble you but the
number is not finished & will
so I can not give as what this
second letter may be. I am
sorry you. Could not have
been present at the meeting
in Worcester last Saturday. It
was a nice meeting and we
missed you and spoke of
you. I have had my lower teeth
out but as yet am no
improved in my getting
about. The memory of my

delightful visit of you in September
is a constant delight & we had very
nice it was of you to give me
the pleasure. Should go as much.

Very sincerely yours
Lucretia Richards

1677 Builders St.

Lowell Mass

Dec 7th 18-

Miss Jane E. Parsons.

Mass General Hospital

Boston Mass

My dear Miss Parsons

I understand please find the
slips. Should you for the church
which came yesterday with
Miss Parsons' receipt - It is paid.

I hope I want me I write this
slip which I always like to do -

Very sincerely yours

Lucy M. Nichols

1677 Widdowson St. Lowell, Mass
Jan 1-14.

My dear Miss Benson

Thank you for sending me an
invitation to attend the graduating
exercises. I would be glad to be
there could I get about. But -
with our own expense -
The photograph came safely too -

terday afternoon. I have written
my name on it - to day - and it -
is wrapped ready & when I have
an opportunity to send it - to the
P.O. which will be early in the
week I am ever - wishing you
a very happy & prosperous year
Love

Yours most sincerely
Linda Richards

1677 Middlebury, Vt.
Small Press

Aug 11-16

Miss Saml Z. Parsons
Mass Genl. Hospital
Boston - Mass,
My dear Miss Parsons

It certainly is very kind
of you to send me your note
which I am sure I shall
enjoy very much. I have
glanced through the first

few pages are very much
interested and found it
hard to close the book and
attend to business. It is all
so true and while reading
I just-bile again in the
hospital. I had, indeed, a
copy of the book as soon
as it was before the public.
But you got the sheet of
Miss Harrows and so I
have the book from you for
which I thank you very much.
I also prize highly the card
which I found in the case.

Sincerely & gratefully yours
Linda Richards

1677 Middlebury St. Lowell Mass

Jan 1st 17

Miss Anna E. Parsons
Mass. Gen. Hospital
Boston Mass

My dear Miss Parsons

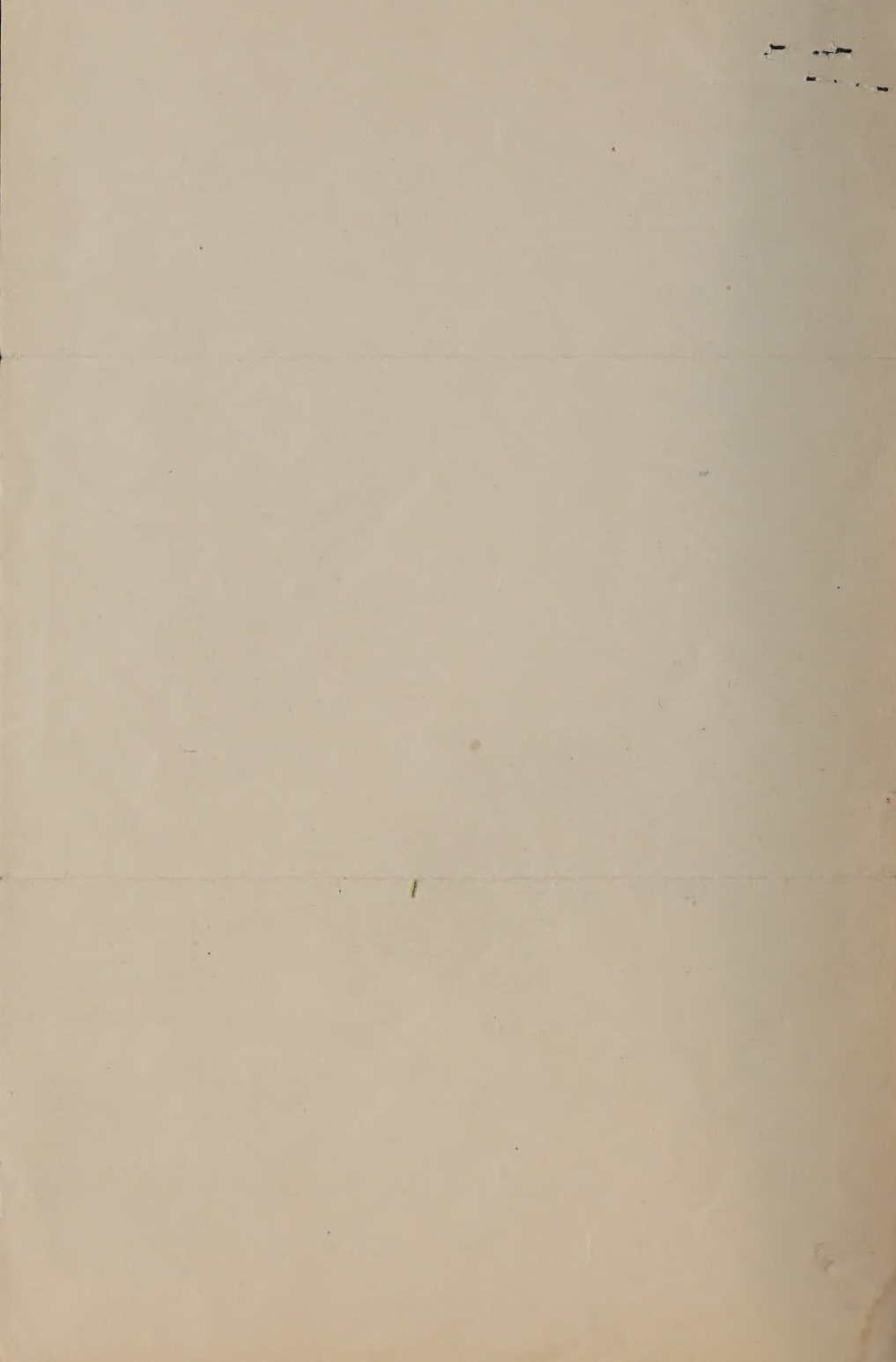
I am mending my new letter telling
you I would be glad to write slips
for the books for the graduating class
did not know you or if you had
sent the list of names and the
letter has been lost. I will be very
glad to write the slips if you
send the names and tell me
when you wish the slips returned -
Wishing you all health, happiness &
success this new year &c

Very sincerely yours
P.
Linda Richards

My dear Miss Parsons

The Announcement came & left
this morning. And I sat down &
devoted my time to writing these
slips and am afraid that now
they are too late. If they are just
put-~~th-~~ into the waste basket-
or in the fire. Our mail has
been very uncertain of late. Our
old postman is sick and we
have had three substitutes. So we
have not been well served of late.
I am very sorry for this delay-
let me know if the slips are
too late.

Very sincerely yours
Linda Richards



1677 Middlebury St. Lowell Mass
Jan 21-17

Miss Sarah E. Parsons

I think you are very generous in sending me ten dollars for the slips. But - you forgot to sign the check so I return it - for your signature. Thank you for it - and for wishing me to write the slips.

Very sincerely yours
Linda Richards

1277 Audubon St.

Dear Mrs. Brown

July 12-18

My dear Mrs. Brown:

You must think me
a strange woman 201-8
have exhausted your
stock of Mrs. Brown's
before this. But I have
been badly under the
weather with malaria
have been without penicillin

help. getting on with a
woman a few hours daily
with a little girl for
help at supper time. how
latter I have a very good
woman - and, Malinda has
gone for the time being.
I want a copy of Miss
Percie's book when it
is ready for sale. I am
glad she has written it -
and I hope it will sell

remarkably well as I presume
it will. I hope you have kept
well through all the trying
weather we have had - and
I hope and trust - that your
business has been prosperous -
Will this awful war ever end?
Very sincerely yours
Luella Richards

1677 Middlebury 41-
Lowell Mass

August - 3^d 20

Miss Anne S. Parsons
Mass General Hospital
Boston Mass
Dear Miss Parsons

Thank you very much for
inviting me & in present at the
seminary at Putnam 9th 10th.
41-mile gives me much pleasure
to attend - I cannot easily take
the little journey if I can be
made by automobile. I thank
you for honoring me by inviting
me. I am yours truly and am

interested in all matters connected
with our profession - And I
consider it a rare privilege to
be able to attend any gathering
of mineans - I hope you are
pretty well - I have heard
that you are less strong than
you were before your last
winter. What a service you
did render to our Country -

Very sincerely yours
P.inda Richards

2) charging the school the
Committee took pains to
prevent my meeting her. I
was told that she had been
our army nurse in the
Common Army - she was as
cheerful as the school ten
months - our American women
will be disappointed having had
the school in charge the
first two months of its life -
then came the Russians -
then I came upon the stage.
I was there two and a half
half years. Now Mrs Anne
Wetherup came. She I
think was there about
three years - I have forgotten
the name of the woman

Woman W. Wetherup was
Dec 1st - 2

Mrs Jane E. Parsons
No. 9. Hospital
Boston Mass

My dear Miss Parsons

It will give me much
pleasure to hear you are
anything you may find
in my book will very
likely you - I surely was very
much interested (I know)
you have to write a history
of the No. 9. H. Training School
I know practically nothing of
the Russians (see Chapman)
I hear but - she - then I
arrived at the No. 9. H. to the

3) Who followed here and who I think was
three years in charge of the school: she
was a Bellows Graduate. She was I think
followed by Miss Mortmuller. The rest I
know not. If you have questions at any
time which you think I can answer
do not hesitate to ask them. Of the
members of the visiting staff I know the
larger number did not like or want
the school. I can truthfully say that the
Supts of the early days had hard work
to do. And many battles to fight. I am
sure your history of the school will be
full of interest - and must be very
helpful to all members both in and out
of the school. -

Very sincerely yours
Linda Richards

P.S. I am only here on a short visit. My
address is P.O. Box 642 Fayerly Mass
L. R.

1677 Widley, W.
Small house
Apr 6th 20

Miss Jane E. Parsons
New General Hospital
Boston Mass

Dear Miss Parsons

I very much regret - & do regret
it - will, not - be possible for me
to be present - at - the Commemora-
tion 9th. 10th. 11th of this month. I
am suddenly left without a
mail with a family of eight - &
care for and only the business
of neighbors makes it ^{very} possible

for me, just now - I am very
much disappointed that I can not
be present at the reunion. May
the meetings be helpful & all. I
know they will be enjoyable. I am
sorry to hear that you are
leaving the W. G. W. You will
be greatly missed, I know - and
your place will be hard to fill.

Sincerely yours
Rinda Richards

Lowell, Mass

Sept 15--20

Miss Anna E. Parsons
No. 9, Washington

Boston Mass

Dear Miss Parsons

Should you see your
young men letters - send I did
send - I see with you - I get
blue with day, & the meeting
that did not tell us
Boston - I am glad the
reunion was such a success
and I see are all there

When the next one comes I
most sincerely hope, I am there.
It will seem strange I think

I am as permanently away from
the Mass. Genl Hospital - But -
may God, fortune be for us
where you may go -

Affectionately yours

Linda Richards

P. O. BOX 724

FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

October 17th 23

Miss Sara E. Parsons

The Perry
Amherst Mass

My dear Miss Parsons -

Thank you much for
your book which I have now read
and which I consider most
Excellent. That I did not know
that it was published and
on the market shows how
little one shut away from

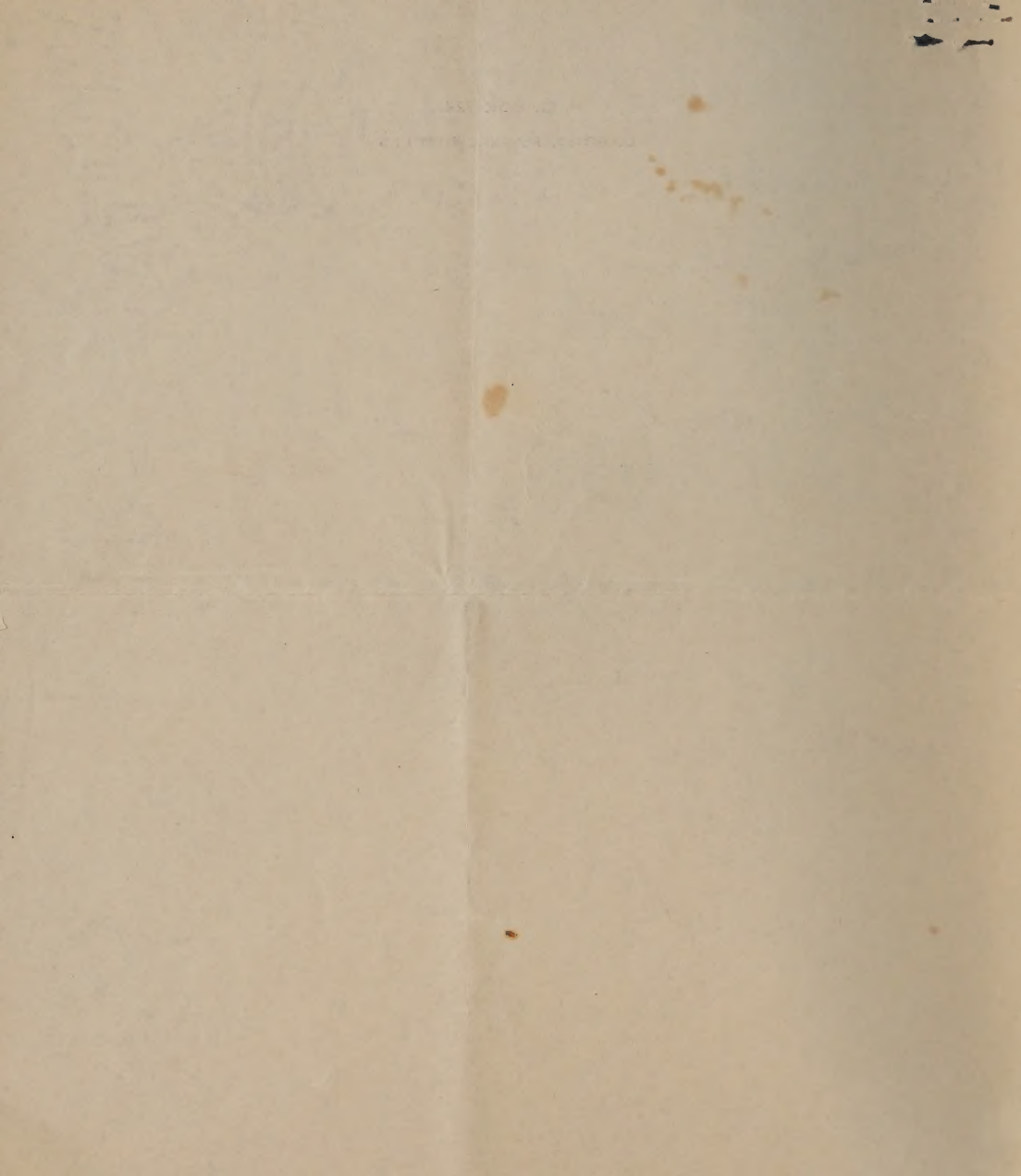


P. O. Box 724

FOXBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

the general rushing public can know - The occasional outings where I meet so many old and active friends are of great benefit. And a source of much pleasure - I trust - You keep well - and as you can walk you can enjoy life & am sure -

Sincerely & Gratefully yours
Linda Richards



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